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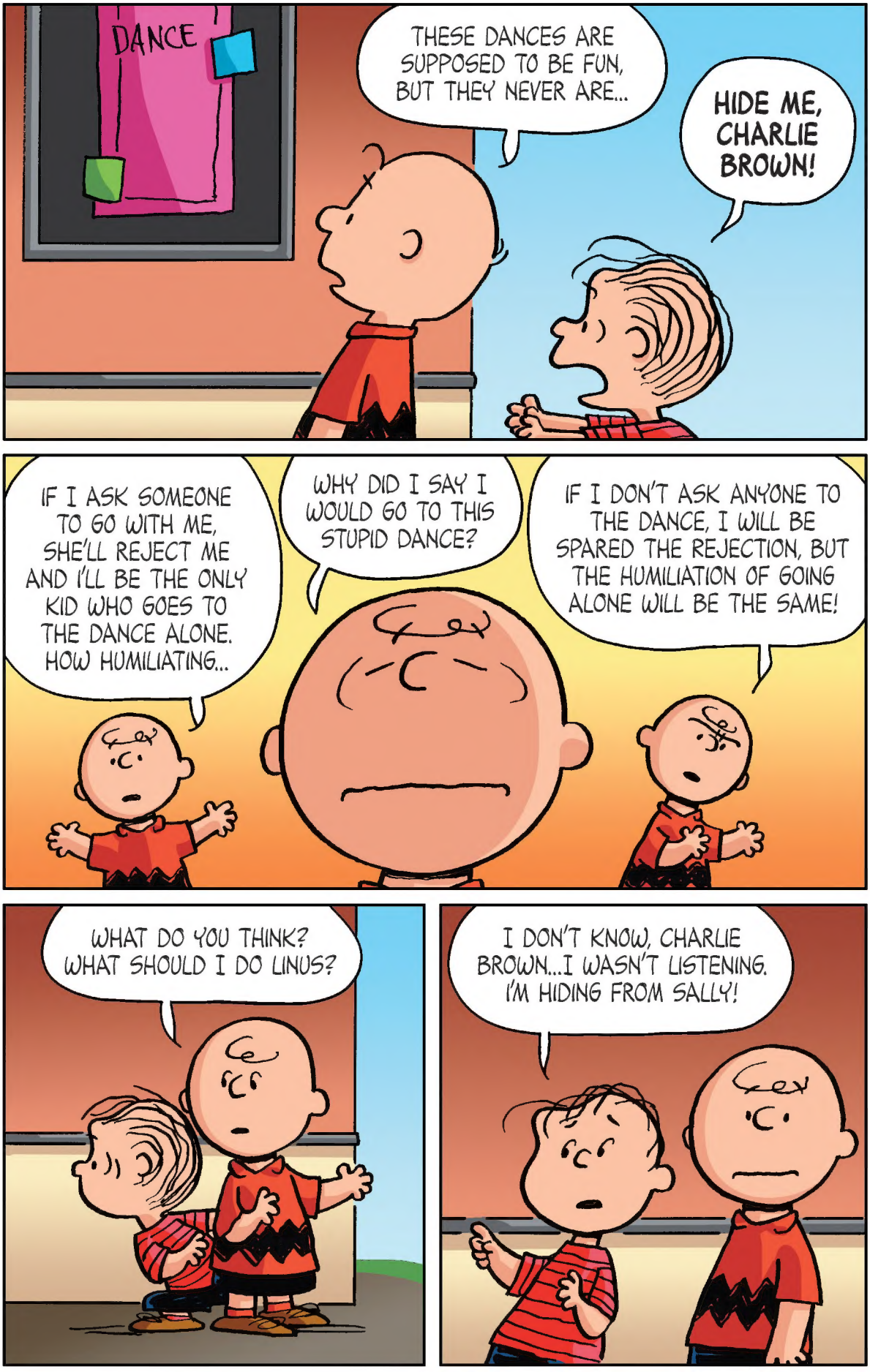
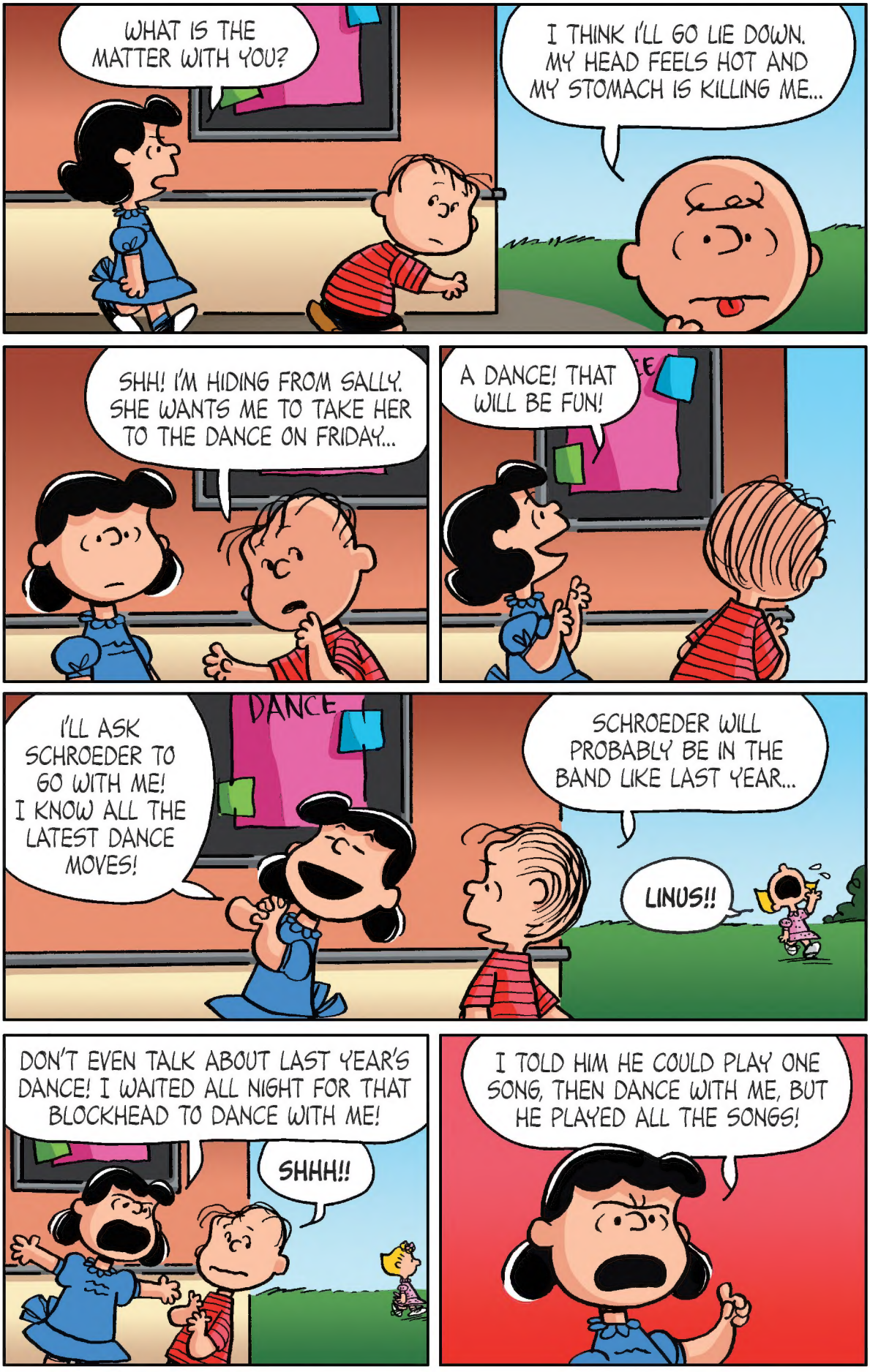
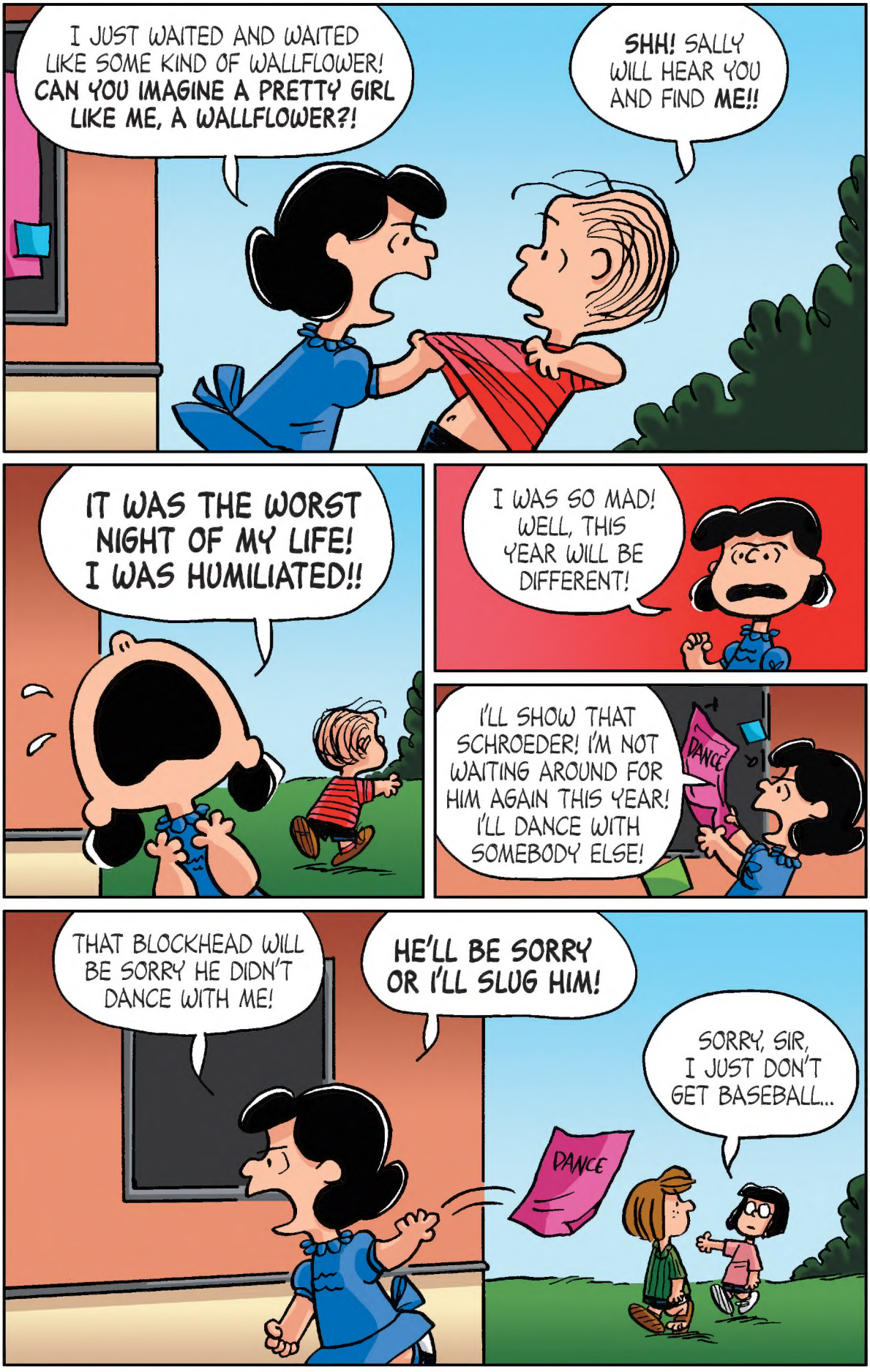
DANCE CRAZE
LOOK! A DANCE ON FRIDAY!
DANCE
HOW DO THEY EXPECT US TO READ THIS UNDER ALL THIS CLUTTER?
I LOVE DANCES!
LINUS! TAKE ME TO THE DANCE! IT'S WHAT SWEET BABBOOS DO!
I'M NOT YOUR SWEET BABBOO!
WHOSE SWEET BABBOO ARE YOU?
I'M NOBODY'S SWEET BABBOO!

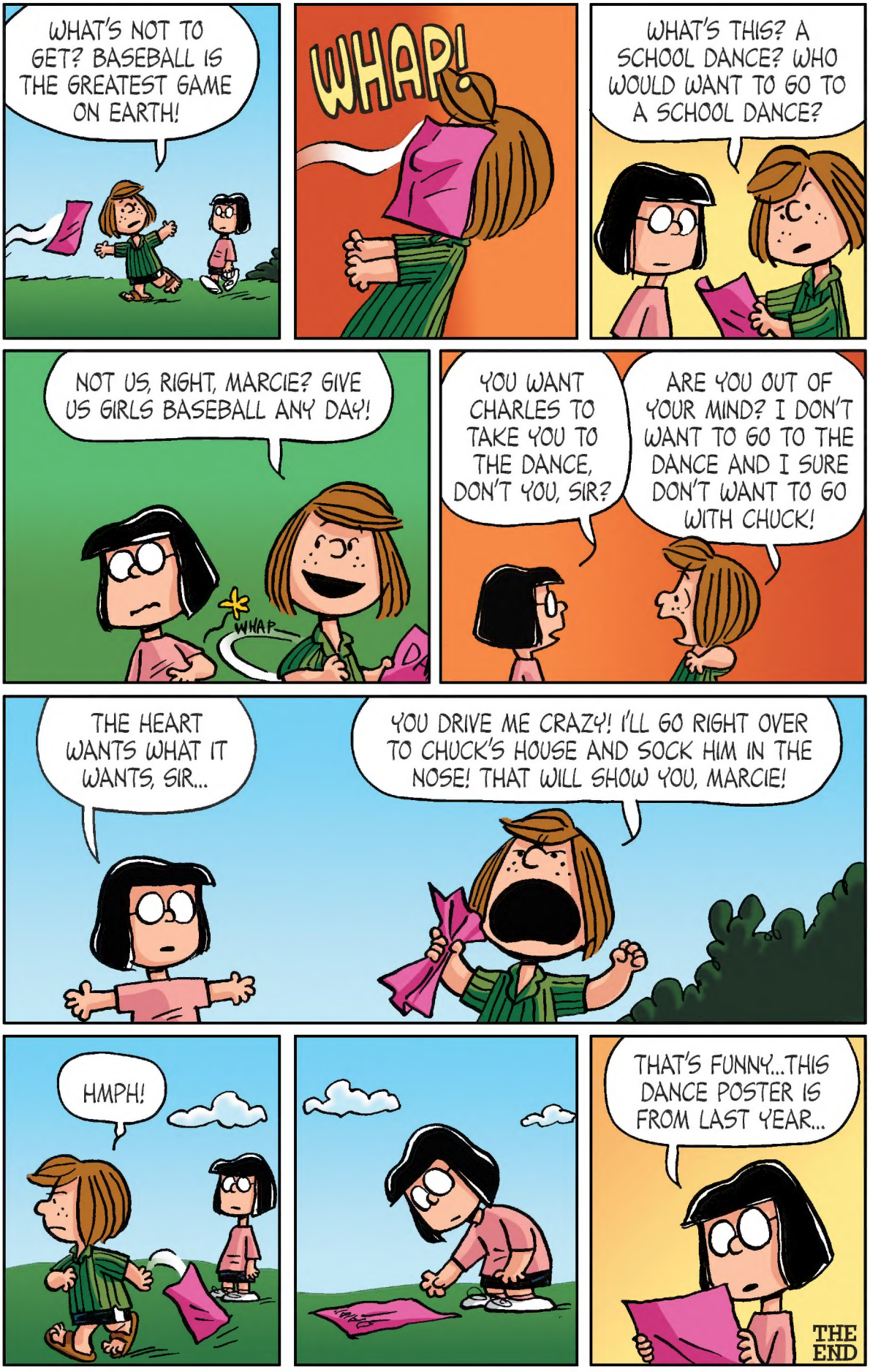
OH, POOR SWEET BABY...YOU HAVE NO SWEET BABBOO! DON'T BE SAD... YOU CAN BE MY SWEET BABBOO!
ZIP
TAKE ME TO THE DANCE, SWEET BABBOO!
AAUGH!
BUT YOU HAVE TO TAKE ME TO THE DANCE! IT'S WHAT SWEET BABBOOS DO!!
I'M NOT YOUR SWEET BABBOO!!!
AND I HAVE JUST THE DRESS! IT'S PLAID!
COME BACK, SWEET BABBOO!
HELP!!

HEY, CHARLIE BROWN...THERE'S A DANCE THIS FRIDAY...
ARE YOU GOING?
A DANCE? I GUESS I COULD GO...
JUST BE SURE TO BRING YOUR OWN DANCE PARTNER. WE AREN'T GOING TO DANCE WITH YOU! YOU'VE GOT TWO LEFT FEET!
YEAH, LAST YEAR YOU KEPT STEPPING ON MY TOES!
TELL YOUR PARTNER TO WEAR STEEL-TOED DANCE SHOES!!
HAHAHAHA HAHAHAHA


DANCE
THESE DANCES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE FUN, BUT THEY NEVER ARE...
HIDE ME, CHARLIE BROWN!
IF I ASK SOMEONE TO GO WITH ME, SHE'LL REJECT ME AND I'LL BE THE ONLY KID WHO GOES TO THE DANCE ALONE. HOW HUMILIATING...
WHY DID I SAY I WOULD GO TO THIS STUPID DANCE?
IF I DON'T ASK ANYONE TO THE DANCE, I WILL BE SPARED THE REJECTION, BUT THE HUMILIATION OF GOING ALONE WILL BE THE SAME!
WHAT DO YOU THINK? WHAT SHOULD I DO LINUS?
I DON'T KNOW, CHARLIE BROWN...I WASN'T LISTENING. I'M HIDING FROM SALLY!

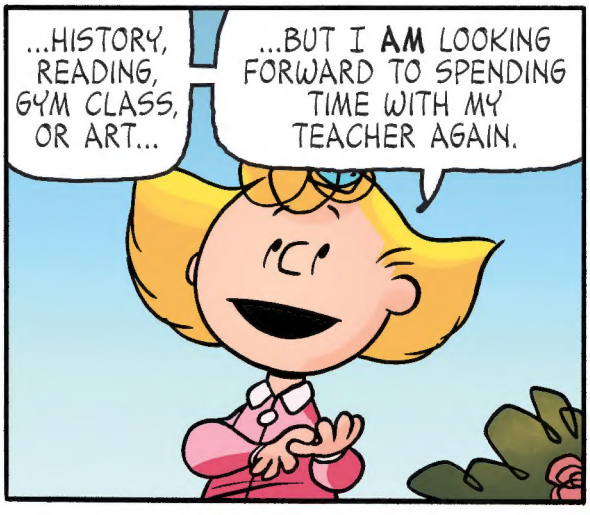

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH YOU?
I THINK I'LL GO LIE DOWN. MY HEAD FEELS HOT AND MY STOMACH IS KILLING ME...
SHH! I'M HIDING FROM SALLY. SHE WANTS ME TO TAKE HER TO THE DANCE ON FRIDAY...
A DANCE! THAT WILL BE FUN!
DANCE
I'LL ASK SCHROEDER TO GO WITH ME! I KNOW ALL THE LATEST DANCE MOVES!
SCHROEDER WILL PROBABLY BE IN THE BAND LIKE LAST YEAR...
LINUS!!
DON'T EVEN TALK ABOUT LAST YEAR'S DANCE! I WAITED ALL NIGHT FOR THAT BLOCKHEAD TO DANCE WITH ME!
SHHH!!
I TOLD HIM HE COULD PLAY ONE SONG, THEN DANCE WITH ME, BUT HE PLAYED ALL THE SONGS!

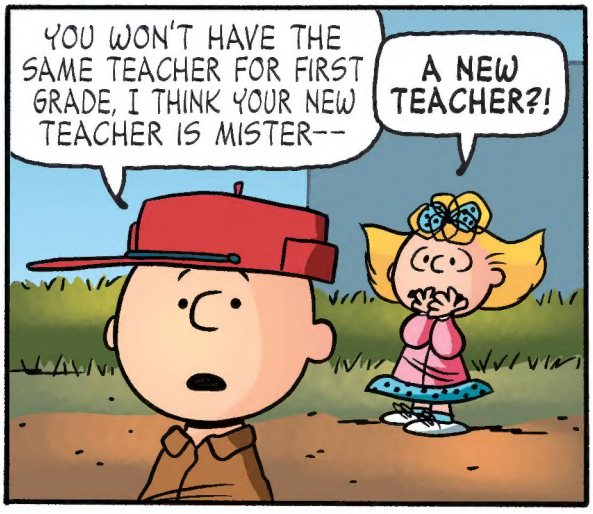

I JUST WAITED AND WAITED LIKE SOME KIND OF WALLFLOWER! CAN YOU IMAGINE A PRETTY GIRL LIKE ME, A WALLFLOWER?!
SHH! SALLY WILL HEAR YOU AND FIND ME!!
IT WAS THE WORST NIGHT OF MY LIFE! I WAS HUMILIATED!!
I WAS SO MAD! WELL, THIS YEAR WILL BE DIFFERENT!
I'LL SHOW THAT SCHROEDER! I'M NOT WAITING AROUND FOR HIM AGAIN THIS YEAR! I'LL DANCE WITH SOMEBODY ELSE!
DANCE
THAT BLOCKHEAD WILL BE SORRY HE DIDN'T DANCE WITH ME!
HE'LL BE SORRY OR I'LL SLUG HIM!
SORRY, SIR, I JUST DON'T GET BASEBALL...
DANCE

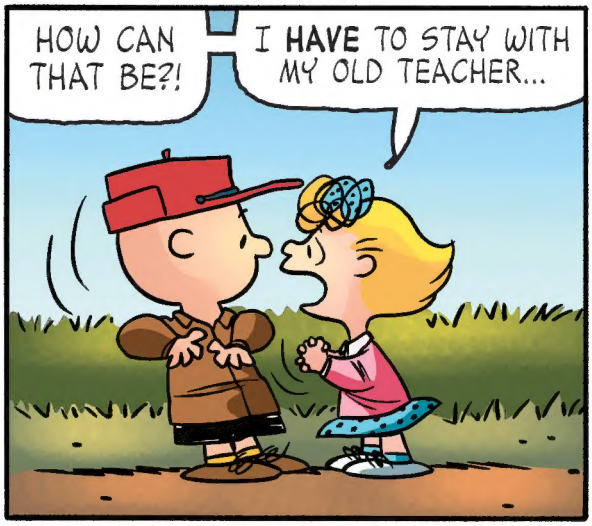

WHAT'S NOT TO GET? BASEBALL IS THE GREATEST GAME ON EARTH!
WHAP!
WHAT'S THIS? A SCHOOL DANCE? WHO WOULD WANT TO GO TO A SCHOOL DANCE?
NOT US, RIGHT, MARCIE? GIVE US GIRLS BASEBALL ANY DAY!
WHAP
YOU WANT CHARLES TO TAKE YOU TO THE DANCE, DON'T YOU, SIR?
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND? I DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE DANCE AND I SURE DON'T WANT TO GO WITH CHUCK!
THE HEART WANTS WHAT IT WANTS, SIR...
YOU DRIVE ME CRAZY! I'LL GO RIGHT OVER TO CHUCK'S HOUSE AND SOCK HIM IN THE NOSE! THAT WILL SHOW YOU, MARCIE!
HMPH!
THAT'S FUNNY...THIS DANCE POSTER IS FROM LAST YEAR...
THE END

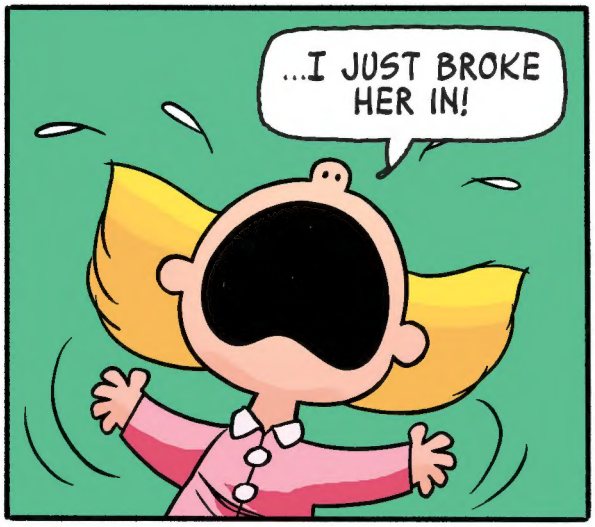
STEEP GRADE AHEAD
A B C D-

BUS STOP
SO SALLY, ARE YOU READY FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?
WELL, I'M NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO MATH...


...HISTORY, READING, GYM CLASS, OR ART...
...BUT I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SPENDING TIME WITH MY TEACHER AGAIN.


YOU WON'T HAVE THE SAME TEACHER FOR FIRST GRADE, I THINK YOUR NEW TEACHER IS MISTER--
A NEW TEACHER?!


HOW CAN THAT BE?!
I HAVE TO STAY WITH MY OLD TEACHER...


...I JUST BROKE HER IN!

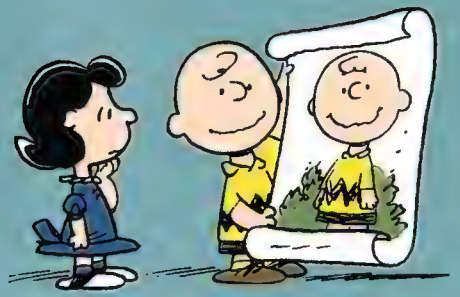
A NEW TEACHER WILL ASK ME ALL SORTS OF QUESTIONS. PERSONAL QUESTIONS...
QUESTIONS LIKE "WHAT'S SEVEN TIMES NINE?" AND "HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE THE SEMICOLON?" AND "WHO WAS THE FATHER OF RICHARD THE FIFTIETH?" AND "WHAT'S THE CAPITAL OF WEST DAKOTA?"
QUESTIONS I CANNOT ANSWER!
THAT'S JUST THE WAY IT IS, SALLY. EVERY YEAR AT SCHOOL, YOU GET A NEW TEACHER...
EVERY YEAR? YOU MEAN I HAVE TO SPEND ANOTHER WHOLE YEAR BREAKING IN ONE TEACHER, JUST TO GET A NEW ONE RIGHT AFTER? WHAT'S THE POINT?
THERE'S NO PROGRESS TO BE MADE. YOU CALL THIS EDUCATION?
I'M GOING HOME.

CAN SHE DO THAT?
I DON'T THINK SHE CAN...
BUT SHE DID!
YOU KNOW, SHE HAS A POINT.
THE ONLY THING I REMEMBER FROM LAST YEAR IS MY LOCKER COMBINATION.
WE MIGHT AS WELL GO HOME.
I SPENT A YEAR OF HISTORY CLASS GOING FROM THE MIDDLE AGES UP TO THE WAR OF 1812, BUT THE NEXT YEAR, DID WE START IN 1813? NOPE...BAM, BACK TO THE MIDDLE AGES!
BUS STOP
BUS STOP
BUS STOP
WHAT WILL I SAY TO THE SCHOOL BOARD?
THE END

IN THE SHADOWS
IT HAPPENED AGAIN YESTERDAY, EXACTLY THE SAME WAY THAT IT ALWAYS DOES.
A GROWN UP COMES UP AND SAYS THAT MAGICAL PHRASE.
"RERUN, YOU LOOK JUST LIKE YOUR BROTHER LINUS DID AT YOUR AGE!"
AS IF THAT'S SOME KIND OF DEEP INSIGHT OR GREAT SURPRISE.
OF COURSE I LOOK LIKE LINUS!
I'M WEARING ALL HIS OLD CLOTHES!
MY PARENTS PROBABLY ONLY HAD A THIRD CHILD BECAUSE THEY KNEW IT WOULD BE CHEAP.
IF I WAS A GIRL, I'M SURE I'D BE WEARING ALL OF LUCY'S OLD HAND-ME-DOWN DRESSES.
BUT INSTEAD, PEOPLE SEE ME AND THINK "LINUS" BECAUSE THEY RECOGNIZE HIS JACKET OR HIS SHIRT OR HIS SOCKS!

EVEN THE SHOES ARE HIS, BLATANTLY HIS.
THEY'VE GOT HIS NAME WRITTEN ON THEM.
IF I WAS WALKING ON A GLASS FLOOR, PEOPLE LOOKING UP FROM BELOW WOULD JUST ASSUME I WAS LINUS. THEY'D HAVE NO CHOICE!
LINUS
LINUS
I DESERVE... NO, I DEMAND AT LEAST HALF OWNERSHIP OF MY SHOES!
PUT AN "L" FOR LINUS ON THE RIGHT ONE IF YOU MUST, BUT PUT AN "R" ON THE LEFT ONE FOR ME!
MY TOYS ARE ALL THE CHARACTERS FROM HIS FAVORITE SHOWS.
AND MY COLORING BOOKS COME TO ME ALREADY HALF DONE!
WHO COLORS A PEACE CONFERENCE PURPLE?
IT WOULD BE FINE, IF SOMETHING I WANTED WAS PASSED DOWN TO ME...

A HAND-ME-DOWN DOG! THAT WOULD BE A GOOD THING!
OR EVEN AN OUTGROWN BICYCLE!
BUT NO, I DON'T GET ANYTHING NICE LIKE THAT. WHAT DO I GET?
A SECOND-HAND USED SISTER, THAT'S WHAT!!
WHAT ARE YOU COMPLAINING ABOUT NOW, LINUS?
GAAAAAHHH!
THE END



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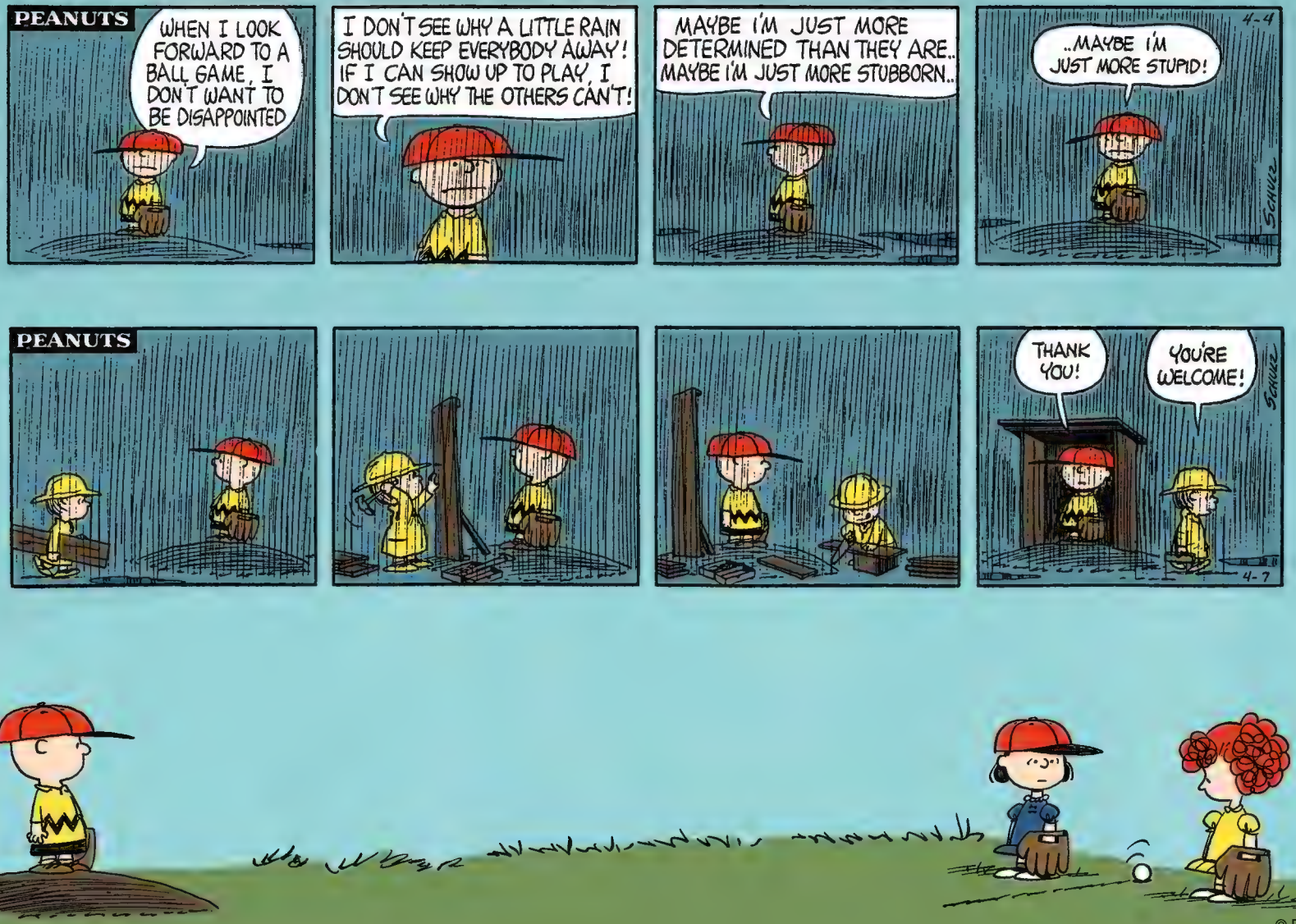
PEANUTS
BOY, LOOK AT IT RAIN!
I'VE NEVER SEEN IT RAIN SO HARD FOR SUCH A LONG TIME..
I'M JUST GLAD I'M INSIDE..
WELL, GOOD GRIEF, ONLY A REAL BLOCKHEAD WOULD BE OUT IN A RAIN LIKE THIS...
4-2
WHERE IS EVERYBODY?
SCHULZ
PEANUTS
WHY ARE YOU STANDING HERE IN THE RAIN, CHARLIE BROWN?
YOU KNOW WE HAVE A BALL GAME SCHEDULED FOR TODAY... AS SOON AS EVERYONE ELSE SHOWS UP, WE CAN GET STARTED...
I DON'T SUPPOSE IT HAS OCCURRED TO YOU THAT NO ONE ELSE MAY SHOW UP..
NOT FOR A SECOND!
4-3
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT..
WHERE IS EVERYBODY?!
SCHULZ


PEANUTS
WHEN I LOOK FORWARD TO A BALL GAME, I DON'T WANT TO BE DISAPPOINTED
I DON'T SEE WHY A LITTLE RAIN SHOULD KEEP EVERYBODY AWAY! IF I CAN SHOW UP TO PLAY, I DON'T SEE WHY THE OTHERS CAN'T!
MAYBE I'M JUST MORE DETERMINED THAN THEY ARE.. MAYBE I'M JUST MORE STUBBORN..
4-4
..MAYBE I'M JUST MORE STUPID!
SCHULZ
PEANUTS
THANK YOU!
YOU'RE WELCOME!
SCHULZ
4-7
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BOY, IT'S GETTING DARK...
BLIND AS A BAT
POW
BOY, IT'S GETTING CHILLY...
WELL, LINUS I GUESS IT'S TIME TO CALL IT A GAME...
I AGREE...IT'S GETTING HARD TO SEE MY GLOVE IN FRONT OF MY FACE!
IF ONLY WE COULD PLAY NIGHT GAMES LIKE THEY DO IN THE BIG LEAGUES...THAT'S ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF MY DREAMS, LINUS!

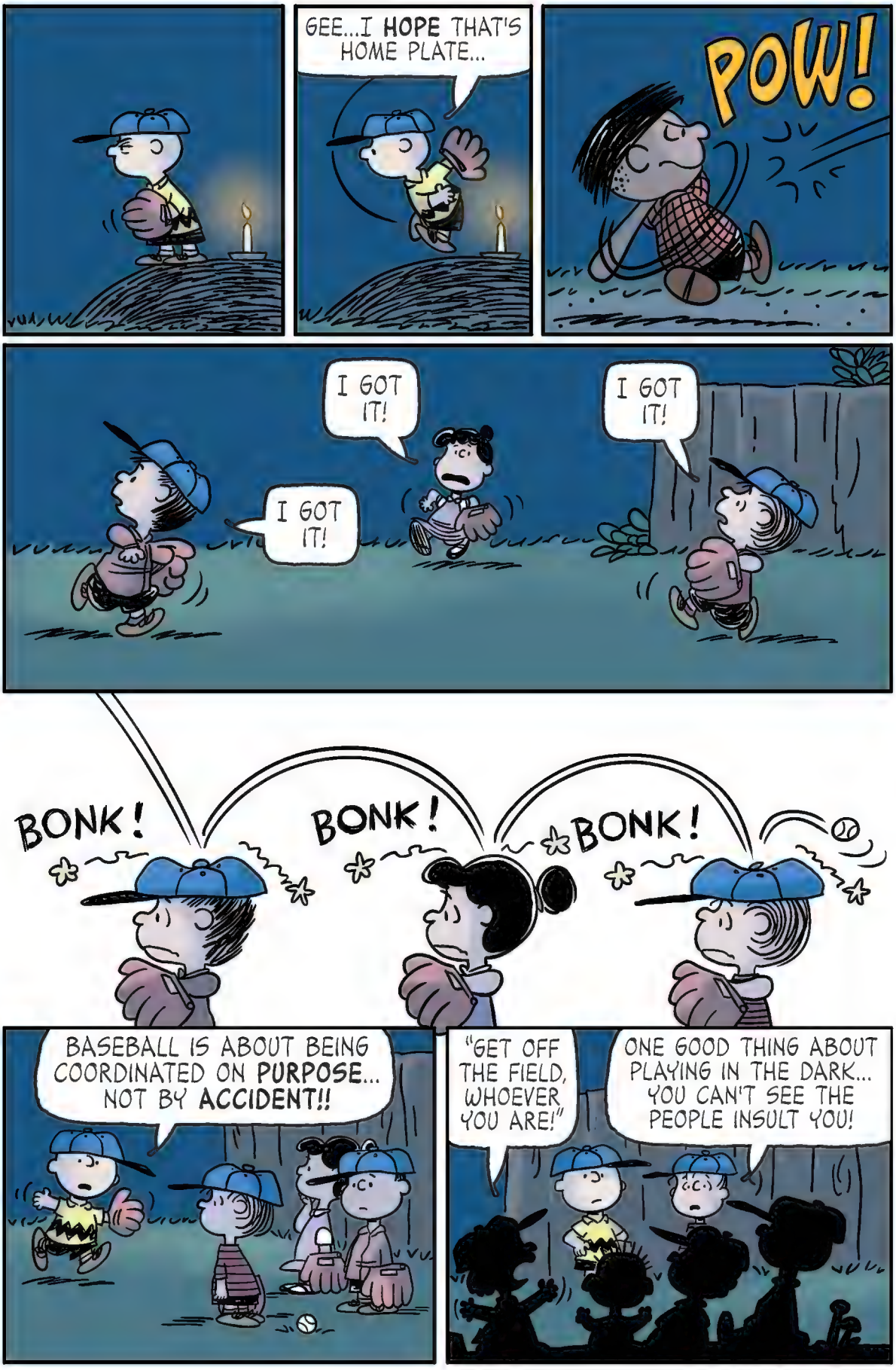
NOW, CHARLIE BROWN...WE'RE NOT EXACTLY THE BEST EVEN IN THE DAYLIGHT. I'M NOT SURE THIS IS SUCH A GOOD IDEA...

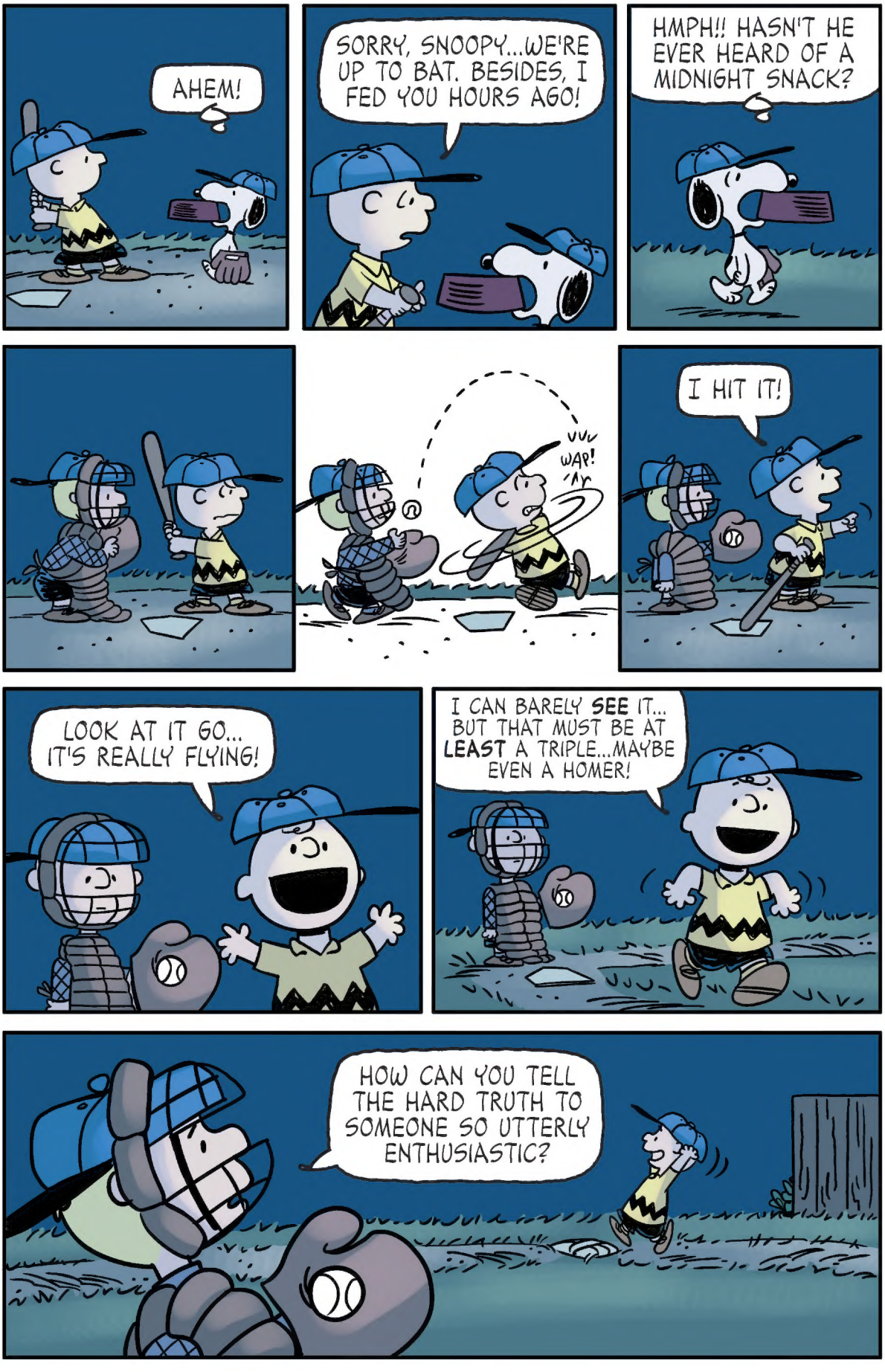
LET'S PLAY BALL!

ALL RIGHT, JOSE PETERSON'S UP TO BAT! SHOW 'EM HOW IT'S DONE, KID!

AT LEAST... I THINK THAT'S JOSE!

HEY, MANAGER! THROW IT PAST HIM! HE CAN'T HIT WHAT HE CAN'T SEE!


GEE...I HOPE THAT'S HOME PLATE...
POW!
I GOT IT!
I GOT IT!
I GOT IT!
BONK!
BONK!
BONK!
BASEBALL IS ABOUT BEING COORDINATED ON PURPOSE... NOT BY ACCIDENT!!
"GET OFF THE FIELD, WHOEVER YOU ARE!"
ONE GOOD THING ABOUT PLAYING IN THE DARK... YOU CAN'T SEE THE PEOPLE INSULT YOU!


AHEM!
SORRY, SNOOPY...WE'RE UP TO BAT. BESIDES, I FED YOU HOURS AGO!
HMPH!! HASN'T HE EVER HEARD OF A MIDNIGHT SNACK?
WAP!
I HIT IT!
LOOK AT IT GO... IT'S REALLY FLYING!
I CAN BARELY SEE IT... BUT THAT MUST BE AT LEAST A TRIPLE...MAYBE EVEN A HOMER!
HOW CAN YOU TELL THE HARD TRUTH TO SOMEONE SO UTTERLY ENTHUSIASTIC?

STRIKE THREE!
STRIKE FOUR
STRIKE FIVE!
WHAT KIND OF A STUPID GAME IS IT WHERE YOU ONLY GET FIVE STRIKES?

POW!
Z
BONK!
Z
I'LL NEVER BE A GOOD MANAGER...I HATE TO AWAKEN AN INFIELDER WHO'S SLEEPING SO PEACEFULLY!
Z
MAYBE THIS NIGHT GAME **WAS** A BAD IDEA, LINUS! I GUESS I JUST DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A BIG-LEAGUE PLAYER!
YOU'RE THINKING TOO FAR **AHEAD,** CHARLIE BROWN! YOU NEED TO SET MORE **IMMEDIATE** GOALS...START WITH THE NEXT TIME YOU GO OUT TO PITCH...
SEE IF YOU CAN WALK OUT TO THE MOUND WITHOUT FALLING DOWN!
RIGHT...NOW **THAT'S** AN IMMEDIATE GOAL! THAT'S SOMETHING I CAN DO!
KLUNK!
MAYBE THAT GOAL WAS **TOO** IMMEDIATE...

THERE IS ONE GOOD THING ABOUT PLAYING NIGHT GAMES, CHARLIE BROWN...
SAY YOU'RE PITCHING A LOUSY GAME, SEE, AND WE WANT TO GET YOU OUT OF THERE...
WELL, ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS COME TO THE MOUND, AND DO THIS...
POOF!
*SIGH*...! GOOD NIGHT, LUCY...
GOOD NIGHT, CHARLIE BROWN... SWEET DREAMS!
THE END